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The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative Expanding to The Patch in Oak Ridge

Knoxville, TN – The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative is expanding. Beginning March 1, 2022, the program will be offered at The Patch in Oak Ridge, TN. The Kids Play Free initiative (KPF) will be offered at The Patch on Tuesdays and Thursday to junior golfers ages 15 and under.

The Patch is a 12-hole alternative golf course with holes ranging from 56 to 108 yards in length. The course challenges players with its immaculate zoysia grass greens and inspiring putting complexes. The facility features one of the best practice areas in East Tennessee with a 300+ yard driving range and expansive putting and chipping green.

“The Patch is an outstanding facility and will definitely be loved by everyone who plays it” said Stallings. “I had the opportunity to check it out last year and was impressed by the layout and the amount of detail that went into the design of the golf course.”

Stallings, a three-time PGA TOUR winner, is a native of Oak Ridge. The Patch’s head golf professional, Rick Spraker, gave Stallings his first ever golf lesson when he was a junior golfer. Bringing the KPF program to The Patch is another way Stallings is giving back to his hometown community.

“Oak Ridge holds a special place in my heart, and when the opportunity presented itself to take the Kids Play Free Program to my hometown, I couldn’t have been more excited,” said Stallings. “Rich and those guys have a great understanding of what we are trying to do, keeping golf accessible and affordable for kids in Tennessee, and I think the program is going to be a huge hit at The Patch.”

The KPF program was formed by the Tennessee Golf Foundation in 2015. At its inception the program offered free rounds of golf to youth at Beverly Park Par 3 Golf Course in Knoxville, TN. From 2015-2017, 2,351 free rounds of golf were played via the program. In January 2018, the program became The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative and expanded to Concord Park Par 3 Golf Course. Since its expansion in January 2018, 28,888 free rounds of golf have been played by over 3,000 junior golfers in the Knoxville area. In 2021, the program was expanded to Bloomfield Links in Murfreesboro, TN. Stallings's involvement and vision has been the driving force in the program's successes. With its partnership with The Patch, the KPF is excited to continue to grow its reach and impact in Tennessee.

For more information regarding the KPF program visit knoxvillegolf.org/kpf.

About the Tennessee Golf Foundation:

The Tennessee Golf Foundation (TGF) is a 501c3 non-profit organization. The TGF operates statewide junior golf programs including The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Junior Golf Initiative, The First Tee of Tennessee, The Sneds Tour, Tennessee Middle School Golf Association, and more. Locally in Knoxville, the TGF manages Beverly Park Par 3 and Concord Park Par 3 Golf Courses and runs programs and events such as The First Tee of Tennessee, The Sneds Tour, the TMSGGA, The Scott Stallings Kids Play Free Initiative, The Scotty Junior Four-Ball Championship and The Tri-Star Junior Match Play Championship.

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